
From: Waye, Don
To: Hall, Lynda
Sent: 1/29/2015 2:05:40 PM
Subject: RE: Draft Email to ACWA

I'm walking out to meet Denis B. now. I shall return.

-General Donald MacArthur

From: Hall, Lynda
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 2:04 PM
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Importance: High

Agreed. Just got off managers' call and discussed precision timing of the release of all materials, and it was clear that this would best go tomorrow morning after official notifications are out.

I will send it then. Also fortunately it was resolved we will NOT release decision doc to press or state before tomorrow.

BTW tomorrow is my scheduled day off and I will be at home however will be closely monitoring events and able to engage as needed, and assume you'll be similarly available from your telework location. I will be on the noon call with OR.

Thanks,

From: Waye, Don
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 12:24 PM
To: Hall, Lynda
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Lynda,

See the draft email below. I do not have an email address for Julia Anastasio, so I am hoping that you do. I recommend that you send it to Julia early tomorrow, although I suppose end of the day today is fine, too.

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Julia,

I just wanted to make you aware that EPA, along with NOAA, are making a decision today (1/30/2015) to jointly disapprove Oregon's coastal nonpoint pollution control program (or coastal nonpoint program) under Section 6217 of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA). This decision will be announced in the Federal Register in the next week or so.

Coastal states that participate in the National Coastal Zone Management Program are required to develop a coastal nonpoint program designed to prevent and control polluted runoff in coastal waters. While Oregon made significant progress on meeting many of the requirements, NOAA and EPA found that Oregon did not satisfy the program requirements related to forestry.

The statute provides for NOAA and EPA to withhold a portion of funding under Section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act and Section 319 of the Clean Water Act, respectively, when a finding is made that a state has not submitted a fully approvable coastal nonpoint program. NOAA and EPA will be discussing with the State how and when this would apply to Oregon and how we might work together to achieve an approvable program at the earliest possible date.

Today's decision was taken to fulfill the requirement of a lawsuit settlement agreement and followed an earlier NOAA/EPA announcement in the Federal Register of our intent to find that Oregon has not submitted a fully approvable coastal nonpoint program. However, it is not the end of our cooperation with Oregon to complete the development of a fully approvable coastal nonpoint program. The federal agencies remain committed to continuing to work closely with Oregon to help it achieve this goal. In addition, the efforts the state makes to meet its CZARA requirements will also be valuable for the recovery of coho salmon.

Additional information, including the decision document developed by NOAA and EPA, the federal agencies' response to comments, and other documents related to the Oregon decision is available at <http://coast.noaa.gov/czm/pollutioncontrol/#Oregon>

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or if you would like a briefing on this topic.

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